

## Advanced vocabulary development

### Word list 7

| Group 1       |                               | Notes |
|---------------|-------------------------------|-------|
| Archetype     | classic example of            | ..... |
| Clemency      | mercy                         | ..... |
| Disinterested | unbiased                      | ..... |
| Flout         | defy; reject                  | ..... |
| Ingénue       | naïve, unsophisticated person | ..... |
| Mendacious    | given to lying                | ..... |
| Paucity       | shortage                      | ..... |
| Protean       | changeable                    | ..... |
| Sophomoric    | juvenile; immature            | ..... |
| Venal         | corrupt; can be bribed        | ..... |

| Group 2    |   | Notes |
|------------|---|-------|
| Archives   | collections of old records; place of storage of old documents | ..... |
| Cliché     | overused expression; something unoriginal                     | ..... |
| Disparage  | criticize; belittle   | ..... |
| Flustered  | worked-up; not calm   | ..... |
| Ingrate    | ungrateful person   | ..... |
| Mercenary  | concerned only with money                                     | ..... |
| Peccadillo | minor weakness; trivial offence                               | ..... |
| Protégé    | person under protection of, or guided by another              | ..... |
| Soporific  | inducing sleep  | ..... |
| Veneer     | surface coating   | ..... |

### Group 3

Notes

|              |  |       |
|--------------|--|-------|
| Articulate   | clear; lucid; eloquent   | ..... |
| Clientele    | customers  | ..... |
| Disparity    | an inequality  | ..... |
| Fly-by-night | unreliable; disreputable   | ..... |
| Inimical     | hostile  | ..... |
| Mercurial    | volatile; changeable   | ..... |
| Pedant       | person who insists on strict adherence to rules or narrow learning | ..... |
| Protocol     | procedure; code of behavior  | ..... |
| Sparse       | spare; bare; meager  | ..... |
| Venerate     | revere; worship  | ..... |

### Group 4

Notes

|               |   |       |
|---------------|---|-------|
| Artifice      | deception; trickery   | ..... |
| Coalesce      | come together; merge  | ..... |
| Dispassionate | neutral; objective  | ..... |
| Forensic      | concerned with argument or debate (esp. for legal evidence) | ..... |
| Innate        | inherited; inborn   | ..... |
| Merge         | come together   | ..... |
| Pedestrian    | common; mundane; banal                                      | ..... |
| Provincial    | unsophisticated; narrow-minded                              | ..... |
| Specious      | false   | ..... |
| Venial        | minor; unimportant  | ..... |

| Group 5        |  | Notes |
|----------------|--|-------|
| Artisan        | craftsman  | ..... |
| Coddle         | pamper; fuss over; indulge                         | ..... |
| Disseminating  | circulating; broadcasting; spreading (information) | ..... |
| Fortitude      | bravery  | ..... |
| Innocuous      | harmless; inoffensive                              | ..... |
| Metaphorically | symbolically; figuratively                         | ..... |
| Peerless       | without equal                                      | ..... |
| Prudent        | cautious; wise                                     | ..... |
| Speckled       | spotted; freckled; dotted                          | ..... |
| Veracity       | truthfulness                                       | ..... |

| Group 6    |                                   | Notes |
|------------|-----------------------------------|-------|
| Ascetic    | without luxuries; severely simple | ..... |
| Coercion   | force                             | ..... |
| Diurnal    | active in daytime                 | ..... |
| Fortuitous | happening by chance               | ..... |
| Innovate   | create; introduce something new   | ..... |
| Meticulous | very careful; painstaking         | ..... |
| Pejorative | derogatory                        | ..... |
| Puerile    | childish                          | ..... |
| Sporadic   | not continuous; intermittent      | ..... |
| Verbose    | talkative; long-winded; rambling  | ..... |

| Group 7     |  | Notes |
|-------------|--|-------|
| Assiduous   | thorough; diligent                           | ..... |
| Cogent      | lucid; well argued                           | ..... |
| Divert      | 1. entertain; 2. distract; 3. cause a detour | ..... |
| Fractious   | irritable; difficult to control              | ..... |
| Inscrutable | mysterious; impenetrable                     | ..... |
| Mettle      | courage; bravery; valor                      | ..... |
| Pellucid    | transparently clear                          | ..... |
| Punctilious | paying attention to small details            | ..... |
| Spurious    | false  | ..... |
| Verboosity  | using too many words                         | ..... |

| Group 8    |                                       | Notes |
|------------|---------------------------------------|-------|
| Assuage    | to calm                               | ..... |
| Cogitate   | think over something; ponder          | ..... |
| Docile     | gentle and easily lead                | ..... |
| Fraudulent | fake; false                           | ..... |
| Insentient | unfeeling                             | ..... |
| Milieu     | environment                           | ..... |
| Pensive    | in a thoughtful mood; thinking deeply | ..... |
| Purloin    | steal                                 | ..... |
| Stagnant   | still; not moving                     | ..... |
| Vertigo    | dizziness                             | ..... |

| Group 9       |   | Notes |
|---------------|---|-------|
| Astute        | perceptive; sharp-witted                      | ..... |
| Collage       | picture made from fragments of other pictures | ..... |
| Dogmatic      | having stubbornly held opinions               | ..... |
| Frivolous     | not serious                                   | ..... |
| Inspid        | dull; bland; boring                           | ..... |
| Mire          | swamp; muddy ground                           | ..... |
| Penury        | poverty                                       | ..... |
| Pusillanimous | cowardly                                      | ..... |
| Staid         | dull; sober; serious                          | ..... |
| Vestigial     | not developed                                 | ..... |

| Group 10    |                                  | Notes |
|-------------|----------------------------------|-------|
| Asylum      | place of refuge or safety        | ..... |
| Collate     | arrange in order                 | ..... |
| Dolt        | stupid person                    | ..... |
| Frugal      | economical; not wasting anything | ..... |
| Instigate   | to start; provoke                | ..... |
| Misanthrope | hater of the rest of mankind     | ..... |
| Perceptive  | observant                        | ..... |
| Pyromania   | compulsion to start fires        | ..... |
| Stanza      | section of a poem                | ..... |
| Vignette    | small sketch                     | ..... |